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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT LOUIS 0917

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI OCLR TSPA MP

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FOREIGN OPERATING RIGHTS - PROGRAM HELIOS

REF: STATE 228604

1. PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM HAS GIVEN ME HIS ORAL APPROVAL FOR USE OF PLAISANCE AIRPORT FOR ONE OR TWO SUPPORT AIRCRAFT IN JANUARY 75 IN CONNECTION PROGRAM HELIOS. REQUEST FURTHER MESSAGES THIS SUBJECT REMAIN CLASSIFIED UNTIL EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE FULL INFORMATION ON THIS PROPOSAL TO PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY AND OBTAIN THEIR SPECIFIC CONCURRENCE IN WRITING. THIS SHOULD NOT TAKE VERY LONG. THEREFORE SUGGEST AFETR FORWARD FURTHER INFORMATION IAW USAF FOREIGN CLEARANCE GUIDE BY CLASSIFIED MEANS TO EXPEDITE PREPARATIONS HERE.

2. I INFORMED PRIME MINISTER THAT LIMITED NUMBER GOM OFFICIALS COULD BE PERMITTED VISIT AIRCRAFT AT AIRPORT, WHICH HE WELCOMED.

3. THIS MIGHT BE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE US IMAGE AND PUBLIC RELATIONS IN SCIENTIFIC FIELD HERE, WHERE SOVIETS MAKE  
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FREQUENT VISITS WITH THEIR OCEANOGRAPHIC AND SPACE SATELLITE

TRACKING SHIPS AND WHERE MAURITIANS ARE VERY PROUD OF ONE OF OLDEST METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES IN THE WORLD (GOM METEOROLOGICAL STATION RECENTLY CELEBRATED ITS BI-CENTENARY). I PROPOSE DEPARTMENT EXPLORE FEASIBILITY OF FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS:

A) SIMULTANEOUS VISIT ONE OR TWO PROMINENT US EXPERTS ON METEOROLOGY, SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY OR ANY SUBJECTS SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO PROGRAM HELIOS FROM NASA, NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND/OR USAF.

B) INTERVIEWS BY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN THIS SATELLITE LAUNCH WITH LOCAL PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION ON UNCLASSIFIED ASPECTS OF PROGRAM, POSSIBLY AFTER LAUNCH OR RECOVERY.

4. I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER HIMSELF AND OTHER GOM OFFICIALS WOULD BE QUITE SUPPORTIVE OF PROGRAM AND PUBLIC RELATIONS: EDUCATIONAL EVENTS SUGGESTED ABOVE.  
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